

lutions and check on your particular agenda. So in summary, I support Senator Stoney as I did in the committee. I think he and his committee have done an excellent job. It is my personal opinion that we have enough money to handle the travel problems that will face us. This is contingent upon the fact that the committees do not see fit to travel every day during the interim, and I assume they will not. I stand ready to answer any questions, either now or later, that any member of the Legislature may want to throw at me.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter. Senator Bereuter. Here he comes. Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm sorry I was away from the mic. I thought it would be appropriate to call a couple of facts to your attention. On the committee program that we have under consideration, Program 501 Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation, this is found, again I'll call your attention to it, on page 2. That amount includes \$147,080. I think the important point that needs to be made first is that includes \$42,080 for dues to our three organizations--the Uniform State Laws, the Council of State Government, the National Conference of State Legislatures. So we're really talking, as once was mentioned here on the floor, about \$105,000. As I understand it, the Stoney cut proposed is \$30,000. So we're really talking about a travel fund, available for senators under this program, of \$75,000. It was my understanding that we were going to finally concentrate all of senatorial travel in one place in the budget. That was my understanding as we considered the budget, both at the Exec Board level and the Appropriations Committee level. If that is factual, and I'll be welcoming any comments which would contradict that, we would basically have only \$75,000 for travel for interim studies and for outstate travel. You compare that with the figures that Senator Stoney has presented to you himself, they indicate that we would be having substantially less available for travel than we had in 1974-75, 75-76, and so on. Those are the figures that I have. If it is, in fact, the intent of the body, intent of the Exec Board and the intent of the Appropriations Committee to concentrate senatorial travel in one location, where it is clearly visible to the public, and not to hide it in a variety of other programs, then I say there is not enough money for senatorial travel with the Stoney cut. I admire his frugality, but perhaps I'm misled on whether or not it is their intent to place all senatorial travel in Program 501. If it is, we have a cut-back substantially from previous years expenditures. With travel costs going up I think it is inappropriate.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Dick Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I would be the first to compliment Senator Stoney on the way he has handled the travel in this. But I must oppose this amendment because it is difficult, even based on the printout that he has distributed, to anticipate exactly what the costs are going to be. I think that perhaps we should have a cushion there. If we have to let it lapse, that is just good management. I'm sure he will see that travel is kept to a minimum. But there are a lot of important issues facing the Legislature this year. I know the Public Works Committee is going to be forced to hold a whole series of hearings outstate. We have two or three special committees that will be deeply involved in travel and in hearings. I would certainly hope that we did not adopt this, and rather have a small cushion if necessary, and see what happens from this point on.